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MEMORANDUM FOR: SB/BR

SUBJECT : Comments Made by Dmitro PAVLYCHKO about
Soviet Personalities

SOURCE : AECASSOWARY/29

1. In conversations the source had with PAVLYCHKO (Soviet Ukrainian writer and an "adviser" to the Ukrainian Delegation to the 21st Session of the U.N. General Assembly) during the month of December, the latter made the following comments which may be of interest.

although not necessarily new or very revealing,

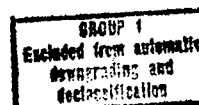
2. Vladimir SHCHERBITSKY is the man for whom he sees great hopes. Nikolai PODGORNYY is responsible for the flow of surplus funds to the Ukraine, which are being used to pay for the construction and repair of roads, the building of new schools and libraries and the preservation of buildings of architectural value. SHELEST has been given virtually a free hand in the Ukraine. Most of his undertakings receive BREZHNEV'S approval, no questions asked. Vladimir SOLOUKHIN'S (Russian poet) defence of the use of the Ukrainian language in Ukrainian institutions was an individual case. He was supported by none of his liberal Russian colleagues. Nikolay USHAKOV and the other Russian writers who live in the Ukraine and enjoy its fruits are strictly Russian chauvinists when their support is needed concerning some aspect of the nationality policy. Savva GOLOVANIVSKY, a Jew, supported the young Ukrainian "writers of the sixties" (Shestydesiatnyky) and defended Lena KOSTENKO during the arrests of Ukrainian writers for nationalist activities.

3. Commenting on collectivization, PAVLYCHKO said it would eventually be done away with, or at least liberalized, because it was now evident there were things which the state could not profitably produce. The entire system of collectivization has had a very bad effect on the individual who feels he is producing not for himself or his countrymen, but for other republics and the satellites.

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The following information on GERETA, one of the convicted during the 1965/66 crack on Ukrainian intellectuals, was obtained from KRUCHOVA Kateryna of New York, N.Y. :

1. Mrs Kruchova knew Gereta-family quite well and was godmother of the sentenced GERETA Ihor. The latter studied at Lvov University and had a ^{younger} brother who lost one eye in some accident. Their father was Ukrainian catholic priest and the entire family was driven away from their place in Berezhany area after WW II, in the course of persecution.

2. Rev. K. Dobriansky of Ternopol (who lately visited Canada) helped for some time Gereta family but in general Ihor and his brother had had a very hard time in 1940's and later.

3. Mrs Kruchova arrived to the United States in 1959 and was interviewed at that time.

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